



Mathematical Analysis of Models Describing the Motion of Implicitly Constituted Materials

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$$T := T^*(D(v), \varepsilon(u), \theta, \varrho, ...)$$

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Optimal strategy: fully implicit models:

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}), \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}), \varrho, \theta, ...) = \mathbf{0}.$$

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Methods for Bingham-like fluids

Identify $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{T}^d, \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{0}$ with the maximal monotone r-graph $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{sym} \times \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{sym}$, i.e.

A1 Monotone graph: for all $(S_{1,2}, D_{1,2}) \in A$ we have

$$(\textbf{S}_1-\textbf{S}_2)\cdot(\textbf{D}_1-\textbf{D}_2)\geq 0$$

A2 Maximality (replaces the continuity of \mathbf{T}^*): If $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{D}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{sym} \times \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{sym}$ fulfills

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A3 the *r*-coercivity: there exists C_1 , $C_2 > 0$ such that for all $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{D}) \in \mathcal{A}$ we have

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{D} \geq C_1(|\mathbf{D}|^r + |\mathbf{S}|^{r'}) - C_2.$$

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- If the energy equality holds, i.e., if we can test by the solution, i.e., if the a priori estimates are good enough, the convergence lemma can be easily applied for $O := Q = (0, T) \times \Omega$ to get the existence of a weak solution
- In case of "bad" a priori estimates, we can (but **not** easily) still prove for certain r's that the assumptions of the convergence lemma hold for O fulfilling $|Q\setminus O|\leq \varepsilon$ with $\varepsilon>0$ arbitrary and therefore we can still identify the limit

Results for Bingham-like fluids

Theorem (Constant density)

Let $\mathcal A$ be a maximal monotone r-graph. Then for all reasonable data (initial, boundary) and reasonable body forces there exists a weak solution provided that

$$r > \frac{2d}{d+2}$$
 (\Longrightarrow compactness of the convective term)

 $r \geq rac{3d+2}{d+2}$ Minty, Lions, Ladyzhenskaya, Gwiazda, Świerczewska-Gwiazda, MORE $r > rac{2d}{d+2}$ Nečas, Frehse, Steinhauer, Wolf, Diening, Ružička, Shelukin, Gwiazda, Świerczewska-Gwiazda, MORE

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$$r > \frac{2d}{dr + 2r - 2d}$$
 (\Longrightarrow we can test by $u \in L^{\infty}(0, T; W^{1,r}(\Omega))$)

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Let $r \in (\frac{2d}{d+2}, 2]$ and γ be nonnegative function fulfilling

$$(2-r)\gamma'(s)\ll 1$$
 for all $s\in\mathbb{R}$.

Then for all reasonable initial data and for all boundary data (Navier's slip or threshold slip) there exists a weak solution.

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The key splitting condition

$$T = T_{el} + T_{dis}$$

where

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and \mathcal{A}_{el} be a maximal monotone q-graph. Then for all reasonable data there exists a weak solution provided that either $q \leq 2$ or \mathcal{A}_{el} has the potential structure, i.e., for all $(\mathbf{T}_{el}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \in \mathcal{A}_{el}$

$$\mathbf{T}_{\mathit{el}}\cdotarepsilon_{,t}=rac{d}{dt}arphi(\mathbf{T}_{\mathit{el}},arepsilon)$$

with nonnegative φ fulfilling $\varphi(\mathbf{T}_{el}, \varepsilon) \geq C_1(|\mathbf{T}_{el}|^{q'} + |\varepsilon|^q)$.

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and A_{el} be Lipschitz continuous graph, i.e., for all $(\mathbf{T}_{1,2}, \varepsilon_{1,2}) \in A_{el}$

$$|\mathbf{T}_1 - \mathbf{T}_2| \leq C_2 |\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2|.$$

Then for all reasonable data there exists unique weak solution. Moreover, for smoother data we have $\nabla^2 \mathbf{v} \in L^2$ and further in 2D setting the solution is classical provided that data are smooth enough.

Limiting strain model

Consider only elastic deformation and "forget" evolution, i.e.,

$$\begin{split} -\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{f} & \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{T}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) &= \mathbf{0} & \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0} & \text{ on } \Gamma_1, \\ \mathbf{T} \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{g} & \text{ on } \Gamma_2. \end{split} \tag{EI}$$

The key assumption in linearized elasticity

$$|ertarepsilon|\ll 1$$
 . (A)

X Consider Ω a domain with non-convex corner at x_0 , $\Gamma = \partial \Omega$, $\mathbf{u}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ and \mathbf{G} of the form

$$T = \varepsilon$$
.

Then there exists a smooth f such that the solution (T, ε) fulfils

$$|\mathbf{T}(x)| = |\varepsilon(x)| \stackrel{x \to x_0}{\to} \infty.$$

 \implies contradicts the assumption of the model (A) \implies not valid model at least in the neighborhood of x_0 .

Limiting strain model



Consider implicit models which a priori guarantees $|\varepsilon| \le K$:

$$\varepsilon = \lambda_1(|\operatorname{tr} \mathbf{T}|)(\operatorname{tr} \mathbf{T})\mathbf{I} + \lambda_2(|\mathbf{T}|)\mathbf{T} + \lambda_3(|\mathbf{T}^d|)\mathbf{T}^d, \tag{L-S}$$

where

$$|\lambda_{1,2,3}(s)| \leq \frac{K}{3(s+1)}.$$



A priori estimates: from (L-S)

$$|\varepsilon| \leq K$$
.

From the equation, we may hope that

$$\int_{\Omega} \lambda_1(|\operatorname{tr} \mathbf{T}|)|\operatorname{tr} \mathbf{T}|^2 + \lambda_2(|\mathbf{T}|)|\mathbf{T}|^2 + \lambda_3(|\mathbf{T}^d|)|\mathbf{T}^d|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \leq C.$$

The reasonable assumptions (∞ -Laplacian-like problem):

$$\left. egin{aligned} \lambda_{1,2,3}(s) \geq 0, \ \lambda_{3}(s) \geq rac{lpha}{s+1}. \end{aligned}
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Limiting strain model & monotonicity

- Apriori estimates for \mathbf{T}^d in L^1
- For the convergence at least some monotonicity needed, the minimal assumption:

$$0 \le \frac{d}{ds}(\lambda_{1,2,3}(s)s). \tag{M}$$

If we would have a sequence fulfilling

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\Omega_0} \left| \left(\mathbf{T}^d \right)^n \right|^{1+\delta} \leq C(\Omega_0) & \text{ for all } \Omega_0 \subset \subset \Omega, \\ & \Longrightarrow \mathbf{T}^n \rightharpoonup \mathbf{T} & \text{ weakly in } L^1_{loc}. \end{split}$$

then using (M) we can identify the limit.

Assume kind of uniform monotonicity, i.e., for some α , a, K>0

$$\frac{\alpha}{(K+s)^s} \le \frac{d}{dt}(\lambda_3(s)s) \tag{UM}$$

for example

$$\lambda_3(s) := rac{1}{\left(1+s^a
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Limiting strain model & Theorems

Theorem (Dirichlet data)

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $\lambda_{1,2}$ fulfil (M) and λ_3 satisfy (UM) with $\mathbf{a} < \frac{1}{d}$. Then there exists a weak solution (\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{u}). Moreover, \mathbf{u} is unique. Further, if either λ_1 or λ_2 are strictly monotone then also \mathbf{T} is unique.

- Proper approximation (p-Laplacian)
- Uniform L^1 estimates
- Uniform $L_{loc}^{1+\delta}$ estimates by showing that $\mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{N}^{\alpha,1}$ for some $\alpha \in (0,1)$.

Theorem (Periodic data)

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The same as before but no problem with localization \implies better bound for a

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Theorem (Periodic data II)

Let $\lambda_{1,2}$ fulfil (M) and λ_3 satisfy (UM) with a>0. Then there exists a (T, u) fulfilling the implicit relation a.e. such that

$$\mathbf{T} \in L^1, \qquad \varepsilon \in L^{\infty}, \qquad \frac{\nabla \mathbf{T}}{(1+|\mathbf{T}|)^{\frac{a+1}{2}}} \in L^2$$

the energy inequality holds, i.e.,

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) \leq \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u},$$

and fulfill the renormalized equation, i.e., for all smooth periodic ${\bf v}$ and all $g\in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ there holds

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{T} \cdot (g(|\mathbf{T}|) \nabla \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \otimes \nabla g(|\mathbf{T}|)) = \int_{\Omega} g(|\mathbf{T}|) \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

Moreover, if $T \in L^{a+1}$ the the solution is weak.

Limiting strain model - anti-plane stress

We consider the following special geometry

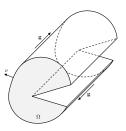


Figure: Anti-plane stress geometry.

and we look for the solution in the following from:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0, u(x_1, x_2)), \quad \mathbf{g}(x) = (0, 0, g(x_1, x_2)),$$

and

$$\mathbf{T}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & T_{13}(x_1, x_2) \\ 0 & 0 & T_{23}(x_1, x_2) \\ T_{13}(x_1, x_2) & T_{23}(x_1, x_2) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\left(\frac{T_{13}}{(1+|\mathbf{T}|^{a})^{\frac{1}{a}}}\right)_{x_{2}} = \left(\frac{T_{23}}{(1+|\mathbf{T}|^{a})^{\frac{1}{a}}}\right)_{x_{1}}$$

Find $U:\Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ - the Airy stress function such that

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Dirichlet problem, indeed assume that $\partial\Omega$ is parametrized by $\gamma(s)=(\gamma_1(s),\gamma_2(s)).$ Then

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\gamma_1^{'}(s))^2 + (\gamma_2^{'}(s))^2}} (\gamma_2^{'}(s), -\gamma_1^{'}(s)).$$

 $=a_0+\sqrt{2}\int_{-s_0}^{s_0}g(\gamma(s))\sqrt{(\gamma_1'(s))^2+(\gamma_2'(s))^2}ds=:U_0(x).$

$$U(\gamma(s_0)) = a_0 + \int_0^{s_0} \frac{d}{ds} U(\gamma(s)) ds$$

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- $a \in (1,2)$ the weak solution may not exists eg. for $\Omega = B_2 \setminus B_1$
- on the flat part of the boundary, you can extend the solution outside such that it is still the solution estimates near the boundary

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Theorem (MORE)

Let U_0 be arbitrary. Then there exists unique weak solution U provided that one of the following holds.

- $\stackrel{b}{\&}$ Ω is uniformly convex, a > 0 is arbitrary and U_0 smooth.
- & $a \in (0,2)$ and $\partial \Omega = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \Gamma_i$ such that either Γ_i is uniformly convex and U_0 is smooth on Γ_i or Γ_i is flat and U_0 is constant there.